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our friends who favor us with many is and illustrations for publication wis

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The word treason is loosely em under present conditions.

the Constitution: "Treason against the United States

Two conditions are necessary: An actual state of war, and citizenship mal outdoor exercises. on the part of the traitor who breaks

unless war is levied.

against the United States is death. The purpose of the constitutional and statutory provisions on this subject is to prevent oppression by the Government, on charges of "construct the Merrimac, in 1862. It has been tive" treason.

There is no war to-day; technically the United States Government has no no treason.

in mind.

hours or five minutes after the be- ods had not been pursued the Moni- This communication explains itself. ginning of war, would bring DEBS'S for would have been ready in time to and in response we shall try to exneck into possible relation with the prevent the raiding of the steam frig-plain ourselves:

National Federation of Religious Libft might be debatable whether the nation's enemies was of such a character as to render him liable to punishment for the crime of treason. With or without a state of war, however, and with or without evidence of Mr. VIII.ARD'S citizenship, there TILLO to give the Cubans their indecould be no doubt of his guilt of the crime of damfoolishness.

the goats in the United States Senate sends to us this pertinent letter:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIR Help a puzzled reader. You printed a list of twelve Senators on your editorial is no doubt that José Miguel Gomez, page on Monday. To-day you have 'eleven' in a headline over a letter, and Government troops in Santa Clara, is on another page is BURR McIntosn's reference to 'twelve.' I am honestly ask ing for light. Were there two bills, or what is the cause of the confusion as to the number? W. H. Young, "BROOKLYN, March 8."

The cause of the confusion to which Mr. Young refers grows out of the were eleven Senators who stood in the nation's light, but there has been a question whether there were twelve or thirteen instead of eleven. The eleven who beyond doubting gave support, moral or otherwise, to the filibuster and who also refused to sign

Democrats: STONE of Missouri, O'Gon-MAN of New York, KIRBY of Arkansas, LANE of Oregon and VARDAMAN of Mis missippi. Total 5.

Republicans: La FOLLETTE of Wiscon sin, Norris of Nebraska, Cummins of lowa, GRONNA of North Dakota, CLAPP way with obnoxious politicians, and of Minnesota and Wonks of California. Total 6.

The names of two other Senators ought to be casually and callously have appeared in various lists, Jones killed. General Gomez has many of Washington and Kenyon of Iowa. friends in Havana, but also many Jones signed the round robin, and he enemies who will clamor for his life now protests that the speech he made His record is not in his favor. He on the last day was not a part of the undermined and pulled down Estrada filibuster, but was extended, by reason | Palma, an honest and a brave man of interruptions, longer than he had if a weak executive. The "Pino"

KENYON the benefit of any doubt. in the miserable compact is not so im- dency. Sordid ambition and not paportant as the fact that there was triotism was the impelling motive. even one Senator willing to cloud the The whole story would probably come country's record for the sake of his out if the fallen leader were put on own supposed political advantage. We trial by the Government. had not believed that even STONE would have stooped so low.

Mr. Wilson's Cold.

superfluous oath of office, read in the open air an address which nobody could hear, and caught a cold which now keeps him abed.

Forty years have passed since the uselessness of the inauguration ceremonies outdoors was as completely shown up as it was this year. Mr. Wilson had it in his power to put an end to the dangerous custom. It is unfortunate that he did not prevent the doings of March 5, and let his second term proceed in the appropriate ployed when it is used with regard atmosphere of quiet dignity that to seditious enterprises or utterances marked its actual commencement. His example might have led his successor The crime of treason is defined by to veto a migration of job hunters that marks the assumption of the President's office by a new man, and thus brought the abandonment of midwinter exercises that do no good and expose numerous more or less valuable officials to the inclemency of a season notoriously unsuitable for for-

If a special season or day must be his allegiance and gives aid and com- set aside especially for the exhibition fort to the nation's enemies. There of the President to great crowds of must be war to make treason possible. sightseers, it would be feasible to hold The crime can be committed only by a national Fourth of July celebration at the Capitol, and put the Chief Mag-Even a conspiracy to subvert the istrate up as the principal attraction. Government by force is not "treason," Yet it ought to be possible to run the Government without imposing such The maximum penalty for treason an extralegal obligation on a hard worked functionary.

Monitor and Merrimac.

To-day, March 9, marks the fifty prosecution of citizens, no matter how fifth anniversary of the memorable obnoxious their attitude toward the naval battle between the Monitor and justly called the most famous ship duel in naval history.

The anniversary of the battle in enemies and there can therefore be Hampton Roads brings to mind the state of unpreparedness in which the Once war is declared, once a state Union found itself at the close of 1861. of war exists, all attempts to subvert Although the work of converting the the Government by those owing it Merrimac, for she was a rebuilt ship, allegiance, all adherence to the re- was begun in June, 1861, and the Govpublic's enemies, all giving of aid and ernment had heard about the building comfort to the republic's enemies, be- of a floating buttery on the Merrianac hull, nothing was done at Washing-In the present aspect of affairs it ton until August 3, when Congress is well to keep these things clearly made an appropriation for the building of ironelads.

The board appointed to consider the tes on March & as they lay off Yes port News Point, by the Merrimac or

The anniversary of the ironclad

The Fate of Ex-President Gomez. While Cuba was still the Ever Faithful Isle and the flag of fever and gold, as it has been called, waved over the Morro at Havana, a friend of humanity urged Canovas DEL Caspendence. "They want," said the adviser, "a régime to permit them to administer the affairs of their country. Give them this and the war I the rebellion of 18951 will end." To which the Premier replied : "That isn't what the Cubans want. They want to be Presidents, Generals, Colonels, to kill each other in struggles for conquest and to pilfer the public funds." There who has fallen into the hands of the

that kind of Cuban, but President

MENOCAL IS not. It is because Mario Menocal, educated in the United States and a practical man of affairs, is not Cuban who believes that the republic owes him military trappings and a sinecure, even if he has to earn both by sedition and revolt, that he will be puzzled to know what to do with his enemy Gomez, caught in the toils. And the President of Cuba can entertain no doubt that if he were the rebel captured and Gomez occupled the palace there would be a firing squad under the gray walls of Cabañas as soon as light broke in the east for a volley and a burial. President Menocal will be urged to shoot Gomez like a dog. There is in the Spanish American mind a conviction born of hatred and fear, that the only

ordering of his fate. Governor Magoon in the last intervention had to deal in the American if he ever inclined his ear the suggestion was dropped into it that they

emy is to kill him when you have the

Guerra outbreak was inspired by Doubt appears also in the case of GOMEZ, and he became the beneficiary

been "absent and unreported" at the tion of President Gomez recked with fight and would welcome it, while count of heads. Most of the lists of scandals, financial and political, and welve have omitted him and included | he left the palace a discredited states-Senator Jones, but the resolution of man. In the present disturbance the censure introduced in the Iowa House leader was not Dr. ALFREDO ZAYAS, of Representatives coupled Kenyon Liberal candidate for President, but with his colleague, Cummins. A list José Miguel Gomez, demagogue, inof eleven gives to both Jones and triguer and conspirator, whom the republic had rewarded with high mili-Whether there were eleven or twelve tary rank and honored with the Presi- revealed to this country by "treason

It would be well for Cube to have an investigation of the ugly business and deliberate upon the punishment to be imposed upon the instigators and Mr. Wilson was sworn in as Presi- chief actors in the insurrection. To dent in private on March 4. On the shoot General Gomez after a sumfollowing day he was the central fig- mary court-martial would be to make one of the eleven was from a State ure in a theatrical display, in the a martyr of him. The Government course of which he took another and must be firm, but it can't afford to be vindictive.

Mrs. Catt's New Medal.

The dropping of the name of Mrs. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT from the list of the vice-presidents of the New York branch of the Women's Peace party is a high compliment to that able and patriotic suffrage leader. Mrs. Carr was largely instrumental in persuading the National American Woman's Suffrage Association to avow its loyalty to the Government and to offer its services to the country in case of war, in any line in which they might be valuable. As the organization headed by Mrs. CATT is one of the most effective working bodies in the United States, its efficiency having won the avowed admiration of even its most bitter oponents, its value to the Government, should the present crisis lead to war, cannot be questioned or easily over-The action taken against Mrs. CATT

by the Women's Peace party is based upon an inference that is radically unjust. That a woman who is patriotic cannot be pacific is a proposition that is ridiculous, but is held apparently by the leaders of the Women's Peace party. That Mrs. CATT would do anything to add to the present possibility of war is absurd. It is hardly going too far to say that all women are at heart pacifists. But the Woman's Suffrage Association realizes that we are not living in the millennium, but in a time of worldwide war. That its members are willing, if the necessity arises, to lay aside for a time their activities in behalf of the cause for which they have been laboring to place their splendidly organized association at the command of a Government in need of every agency that can give it assistance in a period of national peril is to their credit, and should win for them the gratitude of all American citizens, whether they be pacifists, anti-suffragists or both.

In this hour of peril and apprehe sion the unselfish loyalty of Mrs. CATT and the Woman's Suffrage As sociation to our flag and what that

Short Answer to a Short Question

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: How can you advise people to 'stand by the President' and at the same time attack him so virulently (and unjustly) for the Grayson appointment?

"WEST VIRGINIA

"New York, March 8."

When we advise our fellow citizens because the American flag is in the hands of the President. If it is not there it ought to be

Dr. CARY T. GRAYSON is said to be an amiable young gentleman and a family physician therapeutically judicious beyond his years, but he is not the American flag.

What a misfortune it would be it it turned out that the executive demand for the abolition of dilatory and obstructive practices in the Sen ate was only partly inspired by anxlety for the prompt enactment of measures in the interest of the flag. the other part of the anxiety being family physician as a Rear Admiral of the navy, jumping some six score officers entitled to priority over Dr. CABY T. GRAYSON!

A simple way for Britain to stimu late enlistment in the south of Ireland would be to induce Sir EDWARD CARSON to become a German soldier.

When PATRICK HENRY learns that George W. Norris has quoted him in the Senate, he will regret that he ever made his undying declaration concerning treason.

Automobiles are feroclous animals. Magistrate House. At this season the creature with so uch alcohol in his radiator seems

wilder than ever. If some of the Hindus operating in the United States to foment uprisings in India against the British should confess that they were paid by German

gold, would that he "treason" too? The forty pound iron cross sent by in recognition of his pro-German aclvitles is a weighty tribute to his worth. The Senator need not take see ond place to the Crown Prince or to

Senator La Follette's lecture entitled "The Undermining of Den which was to have been deracy." livered at Wheeling, has been cancelled, not because the Senator is not an authority upon the undermining of democracy-there is none greater comed with eggs as bad as his politi-

We cannot afford to gamble with the leet .- Sir EDWARD CARSON. That is the way Germany feels

ence: the British are ready for a sea

Regrettable though the circumstance t appears that the President needs Dr. GRAYSON more than the navy does.

Minister ZIMMERMANN and his ness clates hold that their plan to incite Mexico against the United States was on American territory," but it is plain that Gum Shoe BILL STONE can establish an alibi. .

It was probably his excusable excitement which made one of our cor respondents say that only two of the Senate filibusters retired from the Senate on the fourth of this month. Three retired, O'GORMAN, CLAPP, WORKS, who are succeeded by three Americans. CALDER, KELLOGG and JOHNSON. Another correspondent remarks that only east of the Mississippi River. There were two, O'GORMAN and VARDAMAN.

"Twenty-four Princeton seniors never kissed a girl." Ah, but the answer is not responsive to the question as an eager public would ask it: Was none of the twenty-four ever kissed by girl?

A bi-partisan House may be an improvement on a partisan House, but what most Americans want to see is a Congress violently American in both

It is topically interesting to consider upon what food a recent woman prisoner in Queens penitentiary fed se that the "warden and two husky jail guards" were unable "to force her hand down on the ink pad." Should she turn her hand to tennis or golf. what renown awaits her!

testimony of one of the prisoners in the case that the German and Indian doctors took Von IGEL's \$60,000, bought a pleasant Harlem home with it and comfortably upon remittances from Berlin, enjoying a well spread able without use of bread or cabbage cards. New York is so attractive, and Indian revolutions such a bore!

How crude! Why do her owner not trust to humanity?

Professor A. V. BLEININGER of the federal Bureau of Standards says that "we have better clay for bricks than the Egyptians, Assyrians and Babylonians ever had," thus furnishing new and important evidence of the great advance civilization has made

If German agents in this country have spent anything like the sums they are alleged to have disbursed here, they have been important contributors to the revival of business,

TICKLE THE GOOD EARTH Commuters and Communities Help to Reduce Prices.

this year." On the farm, in spite of increased

costs of seeds, feed, and in spite of the scarcity and inefficiency of labor, big rops are certain to spell handsome ofits and relieve distress,

In the home garden, with vegetables 1870? at famine prices, the foods raised will be of considerable importance to suburban or country dwellers. It is astonishing how much can be grown on even tiny area of land with i ning as to location and succession of planting, not omitting adequate fertilizing. A suburban resident raised last year on a plot only 35 by 35 feet green vegetables to the market value of \$50.

There is hardly a suburban town that does not have many areas of unimtilled would be capable of producing a to stand behind the President it is large proportion of the food consumed entire population. But instead of potatoes or corn.

This is a most opportune time for development of the community gardens. At the famous Fairview Gardens in Yonkers, one of the best developed civic garden institutions in the country, more than \$3,300 worth of vegetables have been raised in a single year. This valuation is estimated from prices charged by hucksters selling direct from truck farms to consumers, and is not based upon store prices. been done in Yonkers can be accomplished in any other city or town. With our own and other nations to

for the prompt confirmation of the year 1917 to multiply the productiveness ARTHUR C. MACK. New York, March 8.

all returning to the dovecote with

doubtedly been somewhat aggravated and the result somewhat hastened by the European war, but the result was I believe that there are still a number of men in this country that know the exact value of money, what it will pro-

duce and how it can be made to work to the best advantage. They have learned by practical experience. For a recompense I believe that they could be engaged to conduct this school, and possibly the result might be a benefit to the country, and at least it would keep its pupils out of mischief during the hours which are not devoted to their country's service.

THE REBUS MAKERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 publicity should be given to the Senntors who showed by their actions that they were

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Stone New York, March 8.

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French liner armed both fore and aft

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. In the discussion of the food situation almost no attention is given to the most important of all corrective measures, the relief attendant upon extensive and intensive plantings this spring. As a leading agricultural authority says square foot of available land should be made to produce its greatest

proved and unsightly property which if characteristic American waste the earth is given over to tin cans or waste paper

feed, is it not worth while during the

Not Free Food, but Economic Instruction for Lawmakers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; Why waste more millions of the poor, innocent taxpayers' money on food commissions and benevolent societies formed to investigate the high cost of living? Would it not be better to use the enormous amount of "excess funds" in the State and national treasuries for the founding of a night school, compelling Brazi all of our State and national legislators who on taking their seats in the various legislatures, House of Representatives and United States Senate are unable to pass an ordinary high school examination in elementary political economy

We have witnessed the wonderful phenomena of seeing wage increases for a less amount of labor, the establishment bureaus and commissions costing millions of dollars, apparently to prove only that natural and fundamental laws no longer exist. Now the chickens are feathers apparently somewhat ruffled. The present state of affairs has un-

CHARLES T. ELLIS. New York, March &

How They Pounce on the Names of

the Fillbustering Senators!

situation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is very evident from the filibustering of the "little group of wilful

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kiRby cu Mmins vArdaman NEW YORK, March 8.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: TO my way of thinking the proper way of arranging the names of the precious German Senators is as follows

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cummins SCRANTON, Pa., Farch S.

SYMPATHY FOR FRANCE

Friend Wonders Why in the War of 1870 We Were Not Concerned. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Since

have read with interest many comdebt to France and the gratitude we owe that country. They tell us that France and sacrificed thousands of lives in asand that she deserves well of us new in her struggle for existence.

I agree with all that, but when I read those communications the question sympathy for France now, in view of our insensibility in the past? Huns overran and dismembered France in 1870 our Government made no protest, nor did our press express a note of sympathy. If I remember correctly sian in 1870 as it was pro-Japanese at the time of the Russo-Japanese We had but two friends among the na tions of Europe, France and Russia, and when each in turn suffered defeat and humiliation we looked on with satisfaction if not with open approval, show ing ourselves to be a nation of ingrates Why are we ready now to go to war to undo that of which we approved in 1870?

J. W. Hinchon.

Algora, Iowa, March 7

TRADE BRIEFS. Bids have been opened for construction in the Peruvian cities of Ica, Pieco and German King George feasth Chincha Aita. These improvements will struck a blow for liberty. be paid for by an additional duty to be levied on merchandise imported through the custom house at Pisco.

A sugar refinery, financed by Japanese churia. The parties interested in the new look about him and se-senture will endeavor to induce the Chinese light. But not now. in that district to cultivate the sugar beet. Raincoats are being manufactured in a new factory at Amsterdam, Holland, Rub ber supplies for the new industry will be sported from the Dutch East Indies. Direct mall service will be started be ure, thereby saving fifteen days in the

delivery of mails. It is reported that a new Japanes steamship line is to be started this month little wilful President in fatuously inbetween Yokohama and South America sisting upon the confirmation of Dr.

first four years. The President of Bolivia has been horized to undertake, under the super-ision of the State, the construction of the will connect La Paz with Buenos Ayres. chum over the heads of scores of more it is expected that this railway will be a experienced and far abler men entitled formidable rival of the Panama Canal.

crease of 1,145 tons over the amount ex-Wood will be used as a fuel on the Hongenerated by them damaged the bollers of

he locomotives. Coal is said to be more economical than knoling stalks, which have heretofore been exclusively used as a fuel in the Mukden consular district. Owners of mines in that district are trying to interest Manchurian distillers in the use of coal.

Hog raising is being encouraged in if he knows anything at all, that his try has been reduced one-half, and 200 boars have been purchased by the Gov-ernment and distributed to farmers. follow if certain Senators, guided by principles of fairness and justice, ob-An energetic advertising campaign should the market at Martinique. Foods of this ject to confirming the White House phy-

to come if we could have our choice of andfather, I wonder which one we we take-Mr. Franklin, who could not ge a gun for the St. Louis; President Wilson who would not give him one, or Captain Allen Tucker, who did not need one

little group of wilful men-With wisdom of a cackling hen-Perpend, perpend! Squawked and sputtered, yapped acratched
Until they thought that what they'd Would startle all the world, and send

That little group of wilful men-

Attend, attend! Their wilfulness abated when-Amazed and frightened, torn and sad Bruised and hattered, all in bad, Burned in effigy and scorned. They saw their end!

CALL CONGRESS!

Cloture or No Cloture, Let the National Legislature Meet.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: With all due respect for the well meant criticism of the notorious Senators, I would ask whether, in your opinion, Mr. Wilhas during the four years he has been President given any evidence of being competent to handle the present

I fail to see that he has, and for that reason if for no other it is imperative that Congress should be in continuous If there was no other way to make Mr. Wilson see this point than the one adopted by these Senators, and if that was their object, and that only, think they were right. If they had any other reason I would

ike to know what it was. WILLING TO BE SHOWN. NEWARK, N. J., March S.

Our Processional Advance

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: few years ago we frequently heard a popular song, the chorus of which ran about as follows:

Well, they don't know Nellie as I do. Said the saucy little bird on Nellie's hat. Uncle Woodrow apparently has persuaded the country that he is a real warrior. If so, why do the papers announce that the Congress will not be convened before June 1?

Our movements are altogether too processional to suit red blooded Americans. It looks as if Uncle Woodrow was playing his usual game of watchful waiting to avoid getting into the world war until the victory of the Entente is assured, and just before the last gun is fired to prance into the field breathing fire and smoke. As the thunder of the cannons and the shouting an application to play the trombone in ALBERT B. BOARDMAN.

The Feudal System in Operation.

NEW YORK, March 8.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The essential quality of Pan-Germanism is that of feudalism, which France and England overthrew. It is the right of he overlord to inherit obedience from those born within his demesne. In this ase it is the right of the Hohenzollern family to require every one of German slood to do the goose step in whatever and and regardless of whatever oaths of allegiance may have been taken.

here. A slave is always a slave be- the harp. cause of his birth. We have it prothere is no such person as an American. that a citizen of the United States of harpsichord. This instrument America is a misnomer, or rather a misnamed individual; that if a German should fly to the uttermost part of the earth the Kalser is still with him. He Kaiser to command him than a slave At the bottom of all political science

can escape his slavery. eaching in Germany is the principle of Pan-Germanism, which is the priniple of shivery. If I should wish to ttain a degree in political science at Berlin or Leipzig I should have to make ny thesis compatible with the theory hat there is no nationality apart fro eredity. If I supported the theory of braham Lincoln that we had brought forth a new nation, conceived in librty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, I could wait till doomsday for the approval of

Yet the theory of hereditary obedince is taught at Columbia. Instead of having a person with brains enough to analyze the essential quality of Pan-Germanie thought they make a Germanic degree the standard.

But we should worry. Several years ago on a Christmas night a small band of Americans crossed the Delaware and found the German employees of the German King George feasting, and they some eight or nine hundred millions have repudiated the principle of hereditary rule. Some day in the saccharine futurity a professor at Columbia will look about him and see the clear white BARRARIAN PHILADELPHIA, March 8.

Strange Thoughts Inspired by the Golf the manufacture of small planofortes

Playing Admirals. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. The recent action of the "little group of period. At the age of 25 years his century numerous experiments were wilful men" differs in principle not so reputation was so fully established made and Gravson. While the Senators were not actuated by patriotism or love of counneeded at this time, yet every Senator who manfully opposes boosting the Atocha-Tupiza section of the railway which President's personal physician and golf be played a semitone, whole tone or that there is little chance for deviation chum over the heads of scores of more

by every just and honest consideration In 1916 there were 3,806 tons of wolfram by every just and honest consideration to promotion can square his conscience exported from Burma, which was an inin so doing with principle and patriot sm. And public opinion will approve his course. duras National Railroad because of the light price of coal. Cahoon nuts were that the extra session of the Senate was experimented with, but the intense heat called for the purpose of passing much needed remedial legislation to enable the business of the country to be more promptly and efficiently attended to, and not for the purpose of advancing some favorite to the post of Rear Admiral By placing Grayson's name at the top of the list of nominations Wilson knows. The tax on lard leaving the counwill resort to the reprehensible tactics

to this nefarious business. It is just such things as this top breed contempt for Wilson's pretended the year 1848 a book entitled "Vicomte to be actively at war against the many To the Epiron or The Sun-Sir: In years virtue among thousands of decent Dem- de Bragelonne," in which there occurs a ocrats throughout the country who like and insist upon fair play and a square world happenings, reads like prophecy, or our ultimate success paster of his deal for every one alike.

Just as the country gets ready to ap-

plaud some action of the President's

of blocking the nominations of those who

which presages, at least, moral virtue he does some fool thing that withers and freezes all feeling of sympathy for And we're up against four years more of Wilsonian superiority. The king can do no wrong, but isn't shameful what his benighted subjects GEORGE S. ALDRICH. will do?

NEWARK, N. J., March 8.

An Oklahoma City legal advertisement. The public will take notice that on the oth day of March, 1917. I will have an

act introduced in the Legislature of the State of Oktahoma as follows: Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oklahoms: Section I. That the name of Edward Holloway Pass, of Oklahoma lity. State of Oklahoma, be and fa hereb changed to Napoleon Bonapart II.

EDWARD HOLLOWAY PASS.

THE ANCIENT ORIGIN AND THE DEVEL. OPMENT OF THE PIANO.

Evolution of the Modern Instrument Through the Egyptian Lyre, the Clavichord and the Spinet.

In these days of the musical critic, the United States was Joseph Hisky, the wonderful plane player and the who had an establishment in Ealtimore excellence with which pianos are made as early as 1820. His instrument and the fact that the idea of the piano was taken from the ancients, it is not surprising that many persons learn for the first time that the plane is practically a modern instrument.

It is presumed that Egypt was the first nation to bring to a certain per-fection the stringed instruments left from ancient nations. Certain it is that Egypt is looked upon as the source whence the arts and sciences were diffused over Europe, and from all accounts that we now have this is more han likely to be true.

The forerunners of our plane of today were the lyre, dulcimer, kythara or guitar, the monochord and all harplike instruments. These you will find mentioned in Biblical stories, and they may be said, therefore, to date back there is in possession of the Berlin Museum a lyre of the Egyptian make

dating back at least to 2000 B. C. The harp was also one of the favorite instruments of the Egyptians, and was found delineated from the earliest instrument dates back about 1.800 years before Christ.

It is asserted that the first person to discover the principle of the modern plano was Pythagoras. This was done about 500 B. C. The Instrument was called a monochord and consisted of dies away we probably will be filing but a single string or wire stretched over bridges fixed on an oblong box. the Entente's hallelujah chorus of vic- In 1025 or thereabout a monk, Guldo d'Arezzo, who is considered the founder modern musical system, improved the monochord by applying nore strings, and later added keys.

> tury that the clavichord was introduced. To this instrument was attached the keyboard, and it was from the clavichord that the idea of the square pianoforte was taken. In 1492, the year that Columbus discovered the New World, an Italian go on the roll of honor as having invented the clavicymbalum. This differed very materially from the clavi-

It was not until the fourteenth cen-

We had the same theory promulgated being disposed after the manner of About two years later the spinet was invented by an Italian by the name Spinetti and was followed by the evidently suggested by the harp, from which it received its name. It was in fact only a large sized spinet. Germans called it the "Fluegel" on account of the resemblance to the shape

> of a wing. This name is still used by them.
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> The honor of introducing the first grand piano is generally conceded to belong rightly to Bartolommeo Chrisofori, and it was not until the year 1720 that it was completed. Planos of his manufacture were not very sucressful, and it was not until the year 726 that the grand pianes made by Gottfried Silbermann were recognized as being the first to be practical. Silsermann's pianos were the favorites of John Sebastian Bach. They cannot be called perfect, however, for they were of very limited powers, judging from the style of Bach's compositions. The early sonatas of Haydn also bear marks of the influence of this inter-

esting instrument. The first square piano was made in London about the year 1726, when it was introduced by Johannes Zumpe. These square pianos, on account of their tone, which was particularly sweet, light touch and moderate price suddenly rose to such favor that they tion depend entirely on the skill of the could not be made fast enough to tone regulator, as well as the texture gratify the public fondness for them. The square piano was developed and

superseded it. That great mechanical genius Sebastian Erard, a German, went to Paris to seek larger fields for his mechanical ideas and in the year 1775 began of five octaves with two pedals, the tone and mechanism of which are said to have been truly remarkable for that reputation was so fully established that whoever wished to have any ideas carried into execution applied to no one but him. The Queen ordered an the past fifty years no radical control instrument made to suit her voice, has been made in the which was of limited compass. rendered the keyboard of this special same view as to the future construcnstrument movable, so that by changing its position a composition might to the art of violin making, and that is even a minor third lower or higher to any great extent from the old rules without tasking the player's ability to passed down to us.

transpose Rapid strides were now made toward custom and fashion to ornament th the development of the pianoforte, cases of spinets and harpsichord with lohn Broadwood, a Scotchman, succeeded in making radical changes in which were very appropriate the construction of the square plane, lowing aptly carries out the thought of and was the first to add pedals to the the makers of that period:

form of grands and squares, but it remained for John Isaac Philadelphia, Compel'd my murmuring strains. Englishman residing in Philadelphia, Hut being dead I please so may was in the year 1800, when to him was | And cares of such as heargranted a patent for his invention One of the earliest plane makers in

DUMAS ON PRUSSIA.

tions After Its Sleep.

Writing of Prussia, Dumas said:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Al-

rectly, whatever her success in carrying !

The Joelstone.

granite o'er the grave;

A chrysolite for happiness.
An enterald for witchery,
A ruby stone for trustfulness.

A joelstone for treachery.

SCHENECTARY, N. T.

An amethyst for hones;

them out.

JOHN E. BRUCE.

Southern States, which were supplied with musical instruments during that period through Charleston or Balt. more, owing to their geographical po-The Hisky plano demonstrates ven careful construction, the work savors of originality, and the quality of the tone is to this day of pleasing character, clearly showing that he constructed his planes on acoustic principles far above the mon order.

were very popular throughout the

The first piano to be made in Wash. ington, D. C., was by Johannes Francis Kahl, who served his apprentice. ship at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Kahl's number of instruments was limited but they were of a superior quality, having great durability and excellent staying powers, and possessing a refined tone. Every part of these instruments was made in Kahi's shop, He cut the Ivory for the keys, wound the bass strings and did all the cabinet work on the frames. The ma terials were bought in the raw state, and with the simple tools at his command and an inventive mind the different pieces were formed and given themselves into a splendid instrument This plane is a fine example of at extinct art whereby a plane maker

constructed the instrument in its en tirety. The first distinctly American plane was made by Jonas Chickering, whose father was a blacksmith. must have inherited some of the sterling qualities for which the village blacksmith is proverbial, for he left evidences of rare skill as a mechanic

and of noble attributes as a man. Following Chickering in the list of plane makers we find the names of such men as Sohmer, Weber, Knabe and many others whose names should given us such an instrument as the plane of to-day. It is a peculiar fact that se

chord and appears to have been the old pianofortes now in existence give eriginal of the harpsichord, the strings out a much finer tone than many of those made to-day, indicating that the construction of the first pianos was of such a character that they now stand as monuments to their makers styles in which the legs of the peans

have been made. Those of the first ones were about three inches square & the top and then tapered down to a inch at the bottom. Then tollowed the round style, slightly ranged, and the came a good many styles in rapid order, finally bringing the large barrel shape into vogue. pedals of the first partos were very ornamental design, showing most cases the shape of a lyre. improvements have been made style and manner of the lammers of planes were made of either maple, m This was an eight laye buckskin. affair, and was looked upon at the time of its introduction, in 1786, as quite ar innovation. Those of the later many with the best quality of imported felt made extra heavy and carefully treated

to prevent lumping or packing All hammers in their original state as they come from the press and after being cut have a hard and hollowed out surface, and this uneven facing is in turn picked or voiced to gain a better quality of tone character. The good and grade of felt used. This element of the art of plane making is one of the most scientific parts, as it one hundred years, when the upright to the voicer or tone regulator to give the instrument its true characteristic tonal value which seals the instenment's fate as a piano and enhances or

lessens the reputation of the maker. ccording to the results obtained Ever since the first piane was made countless patents have been taken out for real or imaginary improvements During the latter part of the last made and some truly scientific results were accomplished

When it is considered that within Erard planes one is tempted to harbor the tion of the piano as has been conceded

In former years it was always the

inscriptions and paintings, some

planos were now being made in the

I once sas living in the woods

But now I am cut downe

By stroke of cruell axe, indeed. For while I liv'd, I spake no got also

TWIN INCOMPETENTS.

CHARLES A. SEC.

Serpent Ready to Feed on Little Na-Must We Go to War With Daniel and Baker in the Cabinel TO THE EDITOR OF THE SECTION I xandre Dumas père wrote in or about now looks as though we were

Is there any reason with me should passage which, in the light of recent permit our prestige to he end, zere the incompetency of a Danish and a Geographically Prussia has the shape of Baker? There should be a national dema-

a serpent, it seems to sleep and prepare
to swallow everything around it—Denmark. Holland and Belgium—and then
when it has enguised them all you will
filling of their places by men of training filling of their places by men of training see that Austria will pass in turn and perand experience. New York, March 8 This great mulatto novelist seems to have grasped Prussian intentions cor-Cheerless Days at Pottsville

> Pottsville correspondence Publi Since the opening of the new ness at nearly all the officer at the house, and to-day the monthly just eral officials who have not early

salaries was withheld Always Something. From the Libra Charry Just as we had decided. Government advice and eat a

f fish each week to help out to f meat, fishermen on the Ne cost of fish is going to increase

ners have gone on a strike #

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shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies giving them aid or comfort,"

one who owes allegiance.

come treason punishable by death.

When EUGENE V. DERS, night be fore last, urged the workers of the plans did not meet until August 8, and flag stands for is entitled to the country to declare a nationwide it took them a month to make up their grateful applause of all good Ameristrike in case our Government went minds. On October 4 the contract can citizens, to war he was not committing trea- with Ericsson was signed. There is son. The same advice, uttered five reason to believe that if dilatory meth-

When OSWALD G. VILLARD, night before last, at Pittsburg, before the Virginia. erals, denounced the plans for mili- duel should impress upon us anew the tary preparedness, he was not guilty wisdom of making the navy ready to of treason. Even if war had begun deal with any emergency. aid and comfort he was giving the

A reader who evidently wishes to he exact in his count of the sheep and

fact that so far as the official record of the Senate is concerned the sheep and the goats have not been divided. There has been no doubt that there

the manifesto were these: thing to do with a troublesome en-

Senator Kenyon, who is said to have of that burlesque. The administra-